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FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY RODGER DAVIES FROM MACOMBER

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1. FOLLOWING MY CALL TO YOU EARLY THIS MORNING I HAVE, AS WE AGREED, INSTRUCTED GENERAL GALLOWAY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE TURKISH COLONEL WHO SERVES AS HIS LIAISON OFFICER WITH TURKISH GENERAL STAFF. AS YOU WILL KNOW FROM OTHER REPORTING THIS IS THE COLONEL WHO PASSED US INFORMATION
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REGARDING DETERMINATION OF TURKISH MILITARY TO FORCE A

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PROMPT SOLUTION TO POLITICAL CRISIS HERE AND TO FORCE A SOLUTION OF A CHARACTER SATISFACTORY TO THINKING OF TURKISH MILITARY.

2. WEEK-END REPORTING OF WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THIS COLONEL AND FROM OTHER SOURCES SUGGEST THAT RPP-NSP COALITION (WHICH HAS NOW BEEN AGREED ON BY THE LEADERS OF THESE TWO PARTIES) MAY NOT BE SATISFACTORY TO MILITARY AND A SHOWDOWN CONCERNING THIS MAY NOW BE IMMINENT. I SAY "MAY BE IMMINENT" BECAUSE OUR EVIDENCE IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY FIRM TO RULE OUT ALTOGETHER POSSIBILITY THAT MILITARY WILL PERMIT RPP-NSP COALITION TO TAKE OFFICE AND DEFER DECISION RE INTERVENTION UNTIL THEY HAVE HAD TIME TO SCRUTINIZE COALITION'S PERFORMANCE.

3. IN ANY EVENT, AS THE TURKISH COLONEL'S COMMENTS TO US COULD BE INTERPRETED AS PLACING USG ON NOTICE OF MILITARY INTENTIONS, I HAVE AS WE AGREED BY PHONE, INSTRUCTED GENERAL GALLOWAY TO CALL HIM IN AND SAY THAT QUITE APART FROM THE PROBLEMS MILITARY INTERVENTION WOULD CREATE FOR TURKEY PUBLIC RELATIONS-WISE IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, THERE IS THE ADDED PROBLEM THAT THIS WOULD BE TAKING PLACE JUST AS MILITARY ASSISTANCE ALLOCATIONS WERE BEING MADE IN WASHINGTON AND COULD NOT HELP BUT HAVE A MOST UNFORTUNATE EFFECT THIS REGARD. I HAVE ASKED GENERAL GALLOWAY TO ADD THAT THE USG HAS LONG ADMIRED TURKEY'S MANY EFFORTS TO KEEP WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION IN SOLVING ITS PROBLEMS AND THAT WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL TURN OUT AGAIN TO BE THE CASE. MACOMBER UNQUOTE
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